

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Two additional claims have been added for consideration by the examiner. As pointed out on page 4 of the application, one of the advantages of the invention is that the operator can observe the results continuously and judge whether it is worthwhile to take further readings in an attempt to improve the accuracy of the results. One of the new claims is directed to the embodiment in which such further readings are taken up to the point at which the assay is deemed completed, i.e., deemed to have reached a steady state. The other claim added deals with the embodiment in which the observer has decided that it is not worthwhile to take further readings.

Consideration of these additional claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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